

Original Copy of part of his Ex^{cy} the Earl of Bellomont's Lre:
Journal.

Wee have had a warm Reporte of a Gen^l Insurrection designed by the Indians in this and all the neighbouring Provinces & Colonyes ag^t the English I prorogued the Gen^l Assembly of this province but yesterday after a Session of nine Days in which short tyme Wee passed twelve Bills into Acts, and have so well provided for our Defence that I fancy the Indians will not be forward to perpetrate their wicked Designe ag^t us or if they be, Wee shall not be taken Tardy, or be killed in our Beds. if my intelligence be true the Indians have been and Still are prompted by the French Jessuitts and other Missionarys to forsake the English for a French Interest & rather then the Jesuits would faile of compassing their End, they have instigated their Indian Proselytes to cut all our throats if they could.

The five Nations are said to be much corrupted & debauched by the Jesuites, but I hope to prevent them Effectually with those Indians & am now in the Way of doing it.

If the five Nations should withdraw their Obedience from the King I fear Virginia and your Province could not Subsist many months where you have no Towns to be a retreat and Security to your people.

Also sent to the House the following Message

By the Gov^r and Council in Assembly

April 29th 1700

p. 17 His Ex^{ncy} having been pleased to lay before this Board his Ma^{ty's} Ord^r in Councill herewith sent for dividing the Land therein mencōned, it is hereby comūnicated to Your House and in regard the Executing the said Ord^r will create a great Charge It is desired you will give Your Sentiments, Whether the said Charge thereof in Right ought to be borne by the Proprietarys between whom the dispute was, or at the Publick Charge of this Province, His Ex^{ncy} being ready to performe what is enjoyned him when he knows on whome the Charge is to rest.

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Concil

His Ex^{cy} lays before the Board the R^t hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} of Trade & Plantations Lre to him of the 20th of Sep^r last.

And proposed to the Board that some Order might pass for the Sev^l Sherriffs and Constables to take a List of the Inhabitants of this Province viz^t of What Religion as also of what Children Serv^{ts} & Slaves black & White Which his Ex^{ncy} says